

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A computer readable recording medium in which a game progress control program is recorded to control a progress of a baseball game in which a game player's team and a computer-controlled team or competitor's team alternately play offense and defense via a ball character used as a game medium, said game progress control program comprising the steps of:

displaying a game image including a plurality of characters on a monitor screen of a computer;

receiving input of contents of instructions based on a moving operation and a button operation made by the game player on a pointing device; and

proceeding a baseball game based on the input made by the game player;

wherein in said receiving step, the designation of instructions for the pitching action of a pitcher character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the defensive side, designation of instructions for the offensive action of a batter character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the offensive side, and a selection of bunting or hitting as said offensive action is accomplished by a button operation of said pointing device.

2. The computer readable recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said pointing device has at least two buttons including a first button and a second button, and said selection of bunting or hitting is accomplished by performing different button operations on said first button and second button.

3. The computer readable recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the designation of instructions for alteration of a height and an orientation of the bat character is accomplished by the moving operation of said pointing device in cases where bunting is selected as the offensive action of said batter character.

4. The computer readable recording medium according to claim 3, wherein the operation regarding the alteration of the height and the orientation of said bat character is received after the pitching action of the pitcher character is initiated.

5. The computer readable recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the degree of success of the batting action is judged in accordance with the degree of overlap of said bat character and said ball character and the orientation of said bat character when said bunting is selected.

6. The computer readable recording medium according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of setting parameters that define abilities for each batter character of said game player's team, and changing these parameters in accordance with said batting results and said pitching results.

7. A game server which can be accessed from a computer operated by a game player via a network, said game server including a computer readable recording medium which records a game progress control program to control a progress of a baseball game in which and a game player's team and a computer-controlled team or competitor's team alternately play offense and defense via a ball character used as a game medium, said game progress control program comprising the steps of:

displaying a game image including a plurality of characters on a monitor screen of a computer;

receiving input of contents of instructions based on a moving operation and a button operation made by the game player on a pointing device; and
proceeding a baseball game based on the input made by the game player; wherein in said receiving step, the designation of instructions for the pitching action of a pitcher character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the defensive side, designation of instructions for the offensive action of a batter character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the

game player's team is the offensive side, and a selection of bunting or hitting as said offensive action is accomplished by a button operation of said pointing device.

8. A game progress control method for controlling a progress of a baseball game in which a game player's team and a computer-controlled team or competitor's team alternately play offense and defense via a ball character used as a game medium, the game progress control method comprising the steps of:

displaying a game image including a plurality of characters on a monitor screen of a computer;

receiving input of contents of instructions based on a moving operation and a button operation made by the game player on a pointing device; and

proceeding a baseball game based on the input made by the game player;

wherein in said receiving step, the designation of instructions for a pitching action of a pitcher character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the defensive side, designation of instructions for the offensive action of a batter character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the offensive side, and a selection of bunting or hitting as said offensive action is accomplished by a button operation of said pointing device.

9. A game progress control program for controlling a progress of a baseball game in which a game player's team and a computer-controlled team or competitor's team alternately play offense and defense via a ball character used as a game medium, the control program comprising the steps of:

displaying a game image including a plurality of characters on the monitor screen of a computer;

receiving input of contents of instructions based on a moving operation and a button operation made by the game player on a pointing device; and

proceeding a baseball game based on the input made by the game player;

wherein in said receiving step, the designation of instructions for the pitching action of a pitcher character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the defensive side, designation of instructions for the offensive action of a batter character is accomplished by the operation of said pointing device when the game player's team is the offensive side, and a selection of bunting or hitting as said offensive action is accomplished by a button operation of said pointing device.